

REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS PUT INTO EFFECT - FY 1987

Amendments to Access Authorization Fee Schedule; Publication for Licensee Personnel - Parts 11 and 25

On October 2, 1986 (51 FR 35206), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations, effective immediately, that revised the schedule for publishing access authorization investigation fees charged to licensee personnel who require access to National Security Information and/or Restricted Data and Special Nuclear Material.

Nomenclature Changes to Implement Consolidation of OGC and OELD - Parts 0, 1, 10, 14, 51, and 110

On October 8, 1986 (51 FR 35997), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations, effective immediately, to reflect the changes resulting from the Commission decision to consolidate the Office of the Executive Legal Director into the Office of the General Counsel.

Regional Nuclear Materials Licensing for the United States Air Force - Parts 30, 40, and 70

On October 8, 1986 (51 FR 35999), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations concerning the domestic licensing of source, byproduct, and special nuclear material. The amendment, effective October 1, 1986, extends to Region IV the same authority for the United States Air Force license that it now possesses for nearly all other Federal licensees.

Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Parts 30, 31, 32, 35, and 40

On October 16, 1986 (51 FR 36932), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations modifying the process for licensing and regulating the medical use of byproduct material. The amendment, effective April 1, 1987, provides a single source of requirements related specifically to the medical use of byproduct material. The amendment also provides flexibility for licensees by allowing them to update their day-to-day radiation safety procedures without applying for and receiving a license amendment.

Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities; Communications Procedures Amendments - Parts 50 and 51

On November 6, 1986 (51 FR 40303), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations concerning the procedures for submitting correspondence, reports, applications, or other written communications pertaining to the domestic licensing of production and utilization facilities. The amendments, effective January 5, 1987, indicate the correct mailing address for delivery of communications and specify the number of copies required to facilitate action.

Access Authorization for Licensee Personnel - Parts 25 and 95

On December 31, 1986 (51 FR 47204), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations, effective immediately, that requires each current holder of and applicant for an NRC access authorization to complete a new standardized form. The amendment also requires that a security briefing be presented to each person prior to completing the new form.

Imports of Uranium from South Africa - Part 110

On December 31, 1986 (51 FR 47207), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations, effective immediately, concerning the import of uranium from South Africa under the general license. The amendment deletes the general import license with respect to the import of any uranium of South African origin. This action implements provisions of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986.

Revision of Specific Exemptions - Part 9

On January 9, 1987 (52 FR 759), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations pertaining to specific exemptions to the NRC's Systems of Records. The amendment, effective immediately, is necessary to reflect recent changes to the regulations following the revision and republication of NRC's Systems of Records notices.

Bankruptcy Filing; Notification Requirements - Parts 30, 40, 50, 61, 70, and 72

On January 12, 1987 (52 FR 1292) the NRC published an amendment to its regulations requiring that licensees notify the NRC if they become involved in a bankruptcy proceeding. The amendment, effective February 11, 1987, is necessary because a licensee's severe financial condition could affect its ability to handle licensed radioactive material. The NRC must be notified if such a situation occurs so that appropriate measures may be taken to protect public health and safety.

Functions of Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board - Part 2

On January 30, 1987 (52 FR 2993), the NRC amended its regulations, effective immediately, to provide for Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board review of all decisions rendered by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in formal agency adjudications.

Improved Personnel Dosimetry Processing - Part 20

On February 13, 1987 (52 FR 4601), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations requiring that all licensees using personnel dosimetry devices to comply with NRC regulations have the devices processed by processors that have been accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program of the National Bureau of Standards. These amendments, effective February 12, 1988, will improve uniformity and accuracy in personnel dosimetry.

Requirements for Criminal History Checks - Part 73

On March 2, 1987 (52 FR 6310), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations implementing a program for the control and use of criminal history data received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation as part of the criminal history checks of individuals granted unescorted access to nuclear power facilities or access to Safeguards Information by nuclear power reactor licensees. The amendment, effective April 1, 1987, helps assure that individuals with criminal histories reflecting on their reliability and trustworthiness are not permitted unescorted access to a nuclear power facility or access to Safeguards Information.

Licenses and Radiation Safety Requirements for Well Logging - Parts 19, 20, 21, 30, 39, 40, 51, 70, 71, and 150

On March 17, 1987, (52 FR 8225), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations that specifies radiation safety requirements and license requirements for the use of licensed radioactive materials in well logging. The amendment, effective July 14, 1987, consolidates radiation safety requirements for well logging in a new Part 39, establishes clearly stated and specific radiation safety requirements, and promotes the adoption of uniform radiation safety requirements among NRC and Agreement States.

Operators' Licenses and Conforming Amendments - Parts 50 and 55

On March 25, 1987 (52 FR 9453), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations that updates its operator licensing requirements. The amendment, effective May 26, 1987, clarifies the requirements for issuing licenses to operators and senior operators, revises the requirements and scope of written examinations and operating tests for operators and senior operators to include a requirement for a simulation facility, codifies procedures for administering requalification examinations, and describes the form and content for operator license applications.

Implementation of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material - Parts 40, 70, 73, and 110

On March 26, 1987 (52 FR 9649), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations to bring them into accord with the provisions of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material. The amendment, effective March 25, 1987, will result in strengthened protection of shipments of convention-defined material during international transport.

Material Control and Accounting Requirements for Facilities Licensed to Possess and Use Formula Quantities of Strategic Special Nuclear Material - Parts 70 and 74

On March 30, 1987 (52 FR 10033), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations concerning material control and accounting requirements for facilities licensed to possess and use formula quantities of strategic special nuclear material. The amendment, effective April 29, 1987, will strengthen material control and accounting capabilities at affected facilities by requiring more timely detection of anomalies potentially indicative of strategic special nuclear material losses and by providing for more rapid and conclusive resolution of discrepancies.

Restriction Against Ownership of Certain Security Interests by Commissioners, Certain Staff Members, and Other Related Personnel; Vested Pension Interests - Part 0

On April 7, 1987 (52 FR 11026), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations governing the ownership by NRC employees of stocks, bonds, and other security interests in companies engaged in activities relating to the nuclear fuel cycle. The amendments, effective immediately, ensure that only major companies engaged in nuclear fuel cycle activities would be placed on the prohibited stock list. The amendments also address the treatment of vested pension interests held by NRC employees.

Production and Utilization Facilities; Timing Requirements for Full Participation Emergency Preparedness Exercises for Power Reactors Prior to Receipt of an Operating License - Part 50

On May 6, 1987 (52 FR 16823), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations to change the timing requirements for a full participation emergency preparedness exercise for power reactors prior to the issuance of a full-power operating license. The amendment, effective immediately, requires that a full participation exercise, including State and local governments, be held within two years before the issuance of a full-power operating license.

Reporting of Special Nuclear Material Physical Inventory Summary Results - Parts 70 and 74

On May 22, 1987 (52 FR 19303), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations on special nuclear material control and accounting. The amendment, effective June 22, 1987, requires the reporting of the summary results of physical inventories of special nuclear material. This information is used to monitor and assess the material control and accounting performance of NRC licensees.

Changes to Safeguards Reporting Requirements - Parts 70, 72, 73, and 74

On June 9, 1987 (52 FR 21651), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations for the reporting of safeguards events. The amendment, effective October 8, 1987, clarifies reporting requirements for NRC licensees and improves the NRC safeguards event data base by requiring more uniform safeguards event reports.

Nondiscrimination on Basis of Age in Federal Assisted Commission Programs - Part 4

On July 7, 1987 (52 FR 25355), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations, effective immediately, that implements provisions of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The amendment incorporates the basic standards for determining what is age discrimination, describes responsibilities of NRC recipients, and details enforcement procedures necessary to ensure compliance with the Act.

Manufacturers' Registration of Radiation Safety Information for Certain Devices and Sealed Sources - Parts 30 and 32

On July 24, 1987 (52 FR 27782), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations to formally endorse the current administrative practice under which manufacturers of radiation sources and devices containing radiation sources file safety information about their products with the NRC. The amendments, effective August 24, 1987, describe the information necessary for the NRC to evaluate a source or device and state the registrant's responsibility to ensure that distributed products meet the radiation safety specifications filed with the NRC.

Changes in Property Insurance Requirements for NRC Licensed Nuclear Power Plants - Part 50

On August 5, 1987 (52 FR 28963), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations requiring licensees to maintain substantial amounts of onsite property insurance to provide financial security for stabilizing and decontaminating their licensed reactors in the event of an accident. The amendments, effective October 5, 1987, increase the amount of insurance required, impose a modified decontamination priority on any proceeds from the insurance, and require that proceeds subject to the decontamination priority be paid to an independent trustee.

Charges for the Production of Records - Part 9

On August 10, 1987 (52 FR 29504), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations that revised the charges for copying records publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room. The amendment, effective July 9, 1987, reflects the change in copying charges resulting from the agency's award of a new contract to provide this service.

Standards and Procedures for Case-by-Case Exemptions for De Minimis Interests from Prohibition Against Employee's Participation in Particular Matter Affecting Employee's Financial Interests - Part 0

On August 18, 1987 (52 FR 30902), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations, effective immediately, concerning its standards of conduct regulations. The amendment clarifies and elaborates on provisions governing the granting of statutorily authorized case-by-case exemptions for insubstantial interests from the prohibition against an employee's personal and substantial participation in a particular matter the outcome of which would have a direct and predictable effect on the financial interest of the employee.

Statement of Organization and General Information - Parts 0, 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 19, 20, 21, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 51, 60, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 95, 150, and 170

On August 21, 1987 (52 FR 31601), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations that revised its statement of organization and general information. The revision, effective August 19, 1987, reflects the completion of a major reorganization of agency offices and assigned functions.

Telephone Reporting of Significant Events Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material - Part 20

On September 9, 1987 (52 FR 33916), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations regarding the telephone reporting of significant events involving byproduct, source, or special nuclear material. The amendment, effective immediately, requires that all telephone calls reporting significant events be directed to the NRC Operations Center.

Policy and Procedure for Enforcement Actions: Policy Statement - Part 2

On September 28, 1987 (52 FR 36215), the NRC published an amendment to its regulations, effective immediately, that revised its enforcement policy. The amendment further

explains enforcement actions involving individuals, describes the criteria to be used for reopening closed enforcement actions, provides for the exercise of discretion in issuing a Notice of Violation or a proposed civil penalty under certain limited circumstances and makes minor deletions and language changes.

REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

Reporting of Special Nuclear Material Physical Inventory Summary Results - Parts 70 and 74

On October 23, 1986 (51 FR 37578), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend its regulations on special nuclear material control and accounting. The proposed changes would require the reporting of summary results of physical inventories of special nuclear material.

Leakage Rate Testing of Containments of Light-Water Cooled Nuclear Power Plants - Part 50

On October 29, 1986 (51 FR 39538), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would update the criteria and clarify questions of interpretation in regard to the leakage rate testing of containments of light-water-cooled nuclear power plants. The proposed rule would aid the licensing and enforcement staff by eliminating conflicts, ambiguities, and lack of uniformity in the regulation of the in-service inspection program.

Requirements for Criminal History Checks - Part 73

On November 7, 1986 (51 FR 40438), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would add provisions necessary to implement a program for the control and use of criminal history data received from the FBI as part of criminal history checks of individuals granted unescorted access to nuclear power facilities or access to Safeguards Information by nuclear power reactor licensees.

Production and Utilization Facilities; Timing Requirements for Full Participation Emergency Preparedness Exercises for Power Reactors Prior to Receipt of an Operating License - Part 50

On December 2, 1986 (51 FR 43369), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would relax the timing requirements for a full participation emergency preparedness exercise for power reactors prior to the issuance of a full-power operating license. The proposed amendment would require a full participation exercise, including State and local governments, to be held within two years before the issuance of full-power operating license instead of the current requirement that the exercise be held within one year before the license is issued.

Manufacturers' Registration of Radiation Safety Information for Certain Devices and Sealed Sources - Parts 30 and 32

On January 23, 1987 (52 FR 2540), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend its regulations to formalize the current administrative practice under which manufacturers of radiation sources and devices containing radiation sources file safety information about their products with the NRC. The proposed amendments describe the information the NRC needs for its evaluation of a source or device and states the registrant's responsibility to ensure that distributed products meet the radiation safety specifications filed with the NRC.

Issuance or Amendment; Power Reactor License or Permit Following Initial Decision - Part 2

On February 4, 1987 (52 FR 3442), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would specify when a license, permit, or amendment can be issued following an initial decision resolving all issues before the presiding officer in favor of authorizing the issuance or amendment of a license or permit. The proposed changes would simplify and clarify the existing rule and remove language emanating from Three Mile Island related regulatory policies upon which action has been completed.

Emergency Core Cooling Systems; Revisions to Acceptance Criteria - Part 50

On March 3, 1987 (52 FR 6334), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would allow the use of alternative methods to demonstrate that the emergency core cooling system would protect the nuclear reactor core during a postulated design basis loss-of-coolant accident. The use of alternative methods is proposed because research performed since the current requirement was issued has significantly improved understanding of cooling system performance.

Licensing of Nuclear Power Plants Where State and/or Local Governments Decline to Cooperate in Offsite Emergency Planning - Part 50

On March 6, 1987 (52 FR 6980), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning its regulations governing offsite emergency planning at nuclear power plant sites. The proposed amendment would allow the issuance of a full-power operating license in limited circumstances even when a utility cannot meet all of NRC's current emergency planning requirements when there is a lack of cooperation by State and/or local governments in developing or implementing offsite emergency plans.

Completeness and Accuracy of Information - Parts 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 61, 70, 71, 72, 110, and 150

On March 11, 1987 (52 FR 7432), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would codify the obligation of licensees and applicants for licenses to provide the Commission with complete and accurate records, and to provide for disclosure of information identified by licensees as significant for licensed activities.

Emergency Preparedness for Fuel Cycle and Other Radioactive Material Licensees - Parts 30, 40, and 70

On April 20, 1987 (52 FR 12921), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would require certain fuel cycle and other radioactive material licensees to revise existing emergency plans. The proposed rule would require that the emergency plans include descriptions of the means and equipment to mitigate the consequences of an accident and to notify offsite response organizations promptly if an accident occurs that might result in a significant release of radioactive material.

Informal Hearing Procedures for Materials Licensing Adjudications - Part 2

On May 29, 1987 (52 FR 20089), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend its regulations to provide rules of procedure for the conduct of informal adjudicatory hearings in material licensing proceedings.

Codes and Standards for Nuclear Power Plants - Part 50

On June 26, 1986 (52 FR 24015), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would incorporate by reference certain recent addenda to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The sections that would be incorporated provide rules for the construction of light-water cooled nuclear power plant components and specify requirements for in-service inspection of those components.

Revision of Freedom of Information Act Regulations; Conforming Amendments - Part 9

On August 6, 1987 (52 FR 29196), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend its Freedom of Information Act regulations to conform to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Reform Act of 1986. The proposed rule would also make the changes necessary to reflect current NRC organizational structure and current agency practices and delegation of authority.

Revision of Backfitting Process for Power Reactors - Part 50

On September 10, 1987 (52 FR 34223), the NRC published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend its regulations concerning the backfitting process for power reactors. The proposed amendments are intended to clarify when economic costs may be considered in backfitting nuclear power plants.

ADVANCE NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Radioactive Waste Below Regulatory Concern; Generic Rulemaking - Parts 2 and 20

On December 2, 1986 (51 FR 43367) the NRC published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to request public comment on a contemplated amendment that would address the disposal of radioactive wastes that contain sufficiently small quantities or low concentrations of radionuclides that their disposal need not be regulated as radioactive. The

NRC is considering generic rulemaking as an efficient and effective means of dealing with the disposal of wastes that do not pose an undue risk to public health and safety or the environment.

Rule on the Submission and Management of Records and Documents Related to the Licensing of a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste; Intent to Form an Advisory Committee for Negotiated Rulemaking - Part 2

On December 16, 1986 (51FR 45338), the NRC published a notice of intent to announce that it is considering the formation of an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This committee would develop recommendations for revision of the Commission's discovery rules and selected other rules of practice related to the adjudicatory proceeding for the issuance of a license for a geologic repository for the disposal of the high-level radioactive waste. Specifically, the committee would attempt to negotiate a consensus on proposed revisions related to the submission and management of documents related this licensing proceeding.

Intent to Develop Regulations to Establish Criteria and Procedures for Evaluating Requests for Emergency Access to Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facilities - Part 62

On January 15, 1987 (52 FR 1634), the NRC published a notice of intent to announce that it is developing regulations to establish criteria and procedures for evaluating requests for emergency access to non-Federal low-level waste disposal facilities.

Definition of "High-Level Radioactive Waste" - Part 60

On February 27, 1987 (52 FR 5992), the NRC published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to request public comment on its intent to modify the definition of "high level radioactive waste in geologic repositories. The contemplated amendment would modify the definition to follow more closely the statutory definition set out in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.